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GW revels in its picture-perfect Commencement

Six degree recipients supply words of wisdom for 175th anniversary

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The six honorary degree recipients at Sunday's Commencement ceremony kept their remarks brief due to the intense heat and humidity on The Ellipse, but they still managed to offer some much-appreciated words of wisdom to the Class of 1996.

The degree recipients, who ranged from Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist to pop artist Roy Lichtenstein, offered speeches that ranged widely in length and subject.

Economist Wassily Leontief and literary critic Helen Vendler were not able to attend the ceremony because of health concerns, but the other six recipients were there for their degrees — including Yuval Rabin, son of slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was awarded the first posthumous honorary degree in GW's history.

Yuval Rabin thanked the University for recognizing his father's "life-long struggle — a struggle for the existence, the creation and the security and well-being of the state of Israel, as well as its neighbors."

The other speakers offered thoughts that ranged from the political to the philosophical, with advice to the graduates sprinkled

throughout their remarks.

Geneticist Francis Collins discussed his work with the Human Genome Project, a study that is identifying and categorizing every piece of human DNA. He cautioned against the misuse of such information in fields such as health insurance, where patients will sometimes be denied coverage because of a genetic condition.

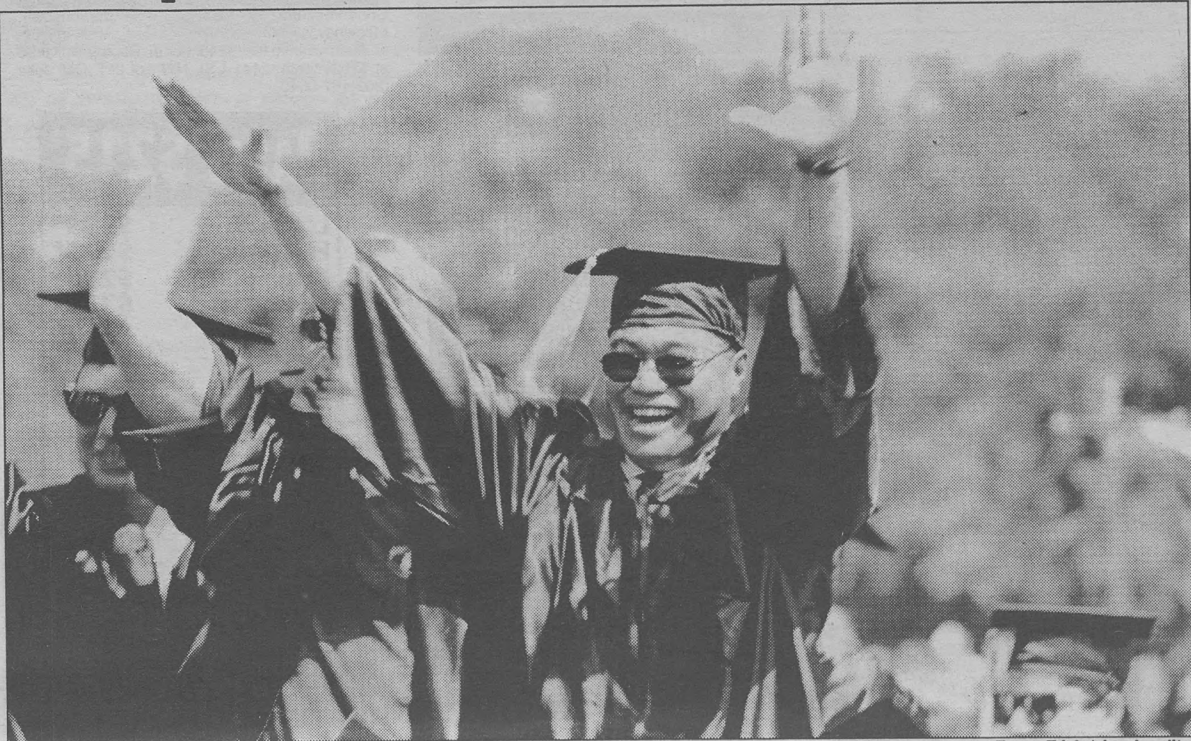
"That is where all of us, as a society, have to lock arms and make certain that your genes, which you did not get to pick, do not get used against you," Collins said.

He ended his remarks with a Nigerian saying he said he learned while working there in a mission hospital: "Not to know is bad. Not to want to know is worse. Not to care is unforgivable."

Children's Defense Fund founder Marian Wright Edelman offered an impassioned plea to the graduates to "commit to being part of the solution, rather than a part of the problem that our country and children face, and to rebuilding our families and communities."

Edelman offered "five brief lessons" to the Class of 1996: "There is no free lunch in life ... do not ever work just for money ... plan as well for your family as for your careers ... every year, vote ... do not ever confuse legality with morality."

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Tyson Trish/visuals editor

GW graduates celebrate with euphoria as Commencement returned outdoors to The Ellipse. Nearly 4,000 students celebrated in the University's first unified ceremony including both the law and medical schools.

Grads applaud Commencement

Students appreciate brevity, water and sunshine on The Ellipse

BY ANNE MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

In the culmination of this year's 175th anniversary celebration, 3,788 graduates from all of the University's schools celebrated their Commencement Sunday.

The ceremony lasted about one hour, and many students applauded the University for what they said was a well-run, pleasantly short ceremony.

GW Law School graduates met President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg's introduction with a chorus of boos, but Elly Kass, who received her degree in international business, said she thought the ceremony was "very nice," if "a little too hot."

Kass appreciated "the nice bathrooms with air conditioning. It was good that they had water and shuttle bus service frequently for the parents."

For the first time in the University's 175 years, both the GW Law School and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences graduates joined their undergraduate and graduate colleagues from GW's other schools for what Director of Public Affairs Mike Freedman called "a unified graduation" Sunday afternoon.

Law school graduate Andy

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Soaring temperatures put heat on graduates

BY LEE RUMBARGER
NEWS EDITOR

Lightning did not strike the same spot twice for GW, as Commencement was greeted by a sunny day and temperatures reaching the 90s by noon, instead of last year's downpour.

The heat forced 37 people to seek treatment in the first aid tent.

Medics checked vital signs for 13 people — three of whom were transported to hospitals, including one pregnant graduate. Alev Kutun Erdi received her doctor of science in electrical engineering degree and is expecting a baby in one to two weeks. At the GW hospital, she was given fluids and released in time to attend the School of Engineering and Applied Science awards ceremony at Constitution Hall.

The other 24 people were given cold packs and drinks on The Ellipse, but did not need further medical attention.

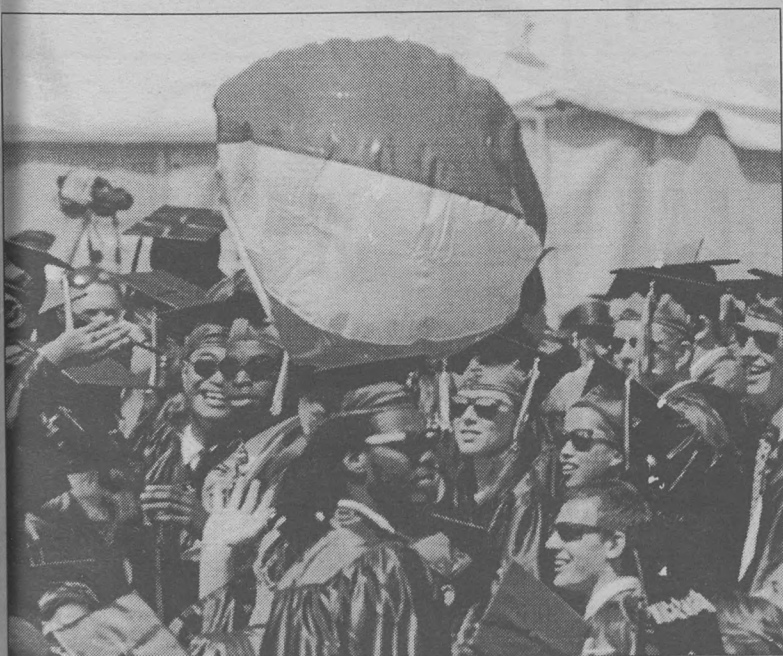
Wassily Leontief was slated to receive an honorary degree, but the 90-year-old famed economist decided the escalating heat would be detrimental to his health and decided not to attend the ceremony.

Student workers offered graduates and guests GW sunglasses and bottled water from the 11,000 gallons on hand, and umbrellas spotted the crowd to provide circles of shade. Graduates were advised to unfasten their robes so the heat would not overwhelm them.

"I think you can think of today as an allegory of your future: It is a beautiful place, but sometimes it gets really hot," said Francis S. Collins, director of the National Center for Human Genome Research.

The ceremony lasted just one hour, with speakers keeping their remarks brief. GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg called for an "exercise in democracy," asking if anyone wanted him to deliver his full remarks.

Though he received some cheers to continue, he shelved a 30-minute address and only told graduates, "Go forth. Be strong. God bless you all."



Dave Fintzen/photo editor

Life is a beach for graduates, who enjoyed Commencement's return to sunshine after last year's stormy debacle.

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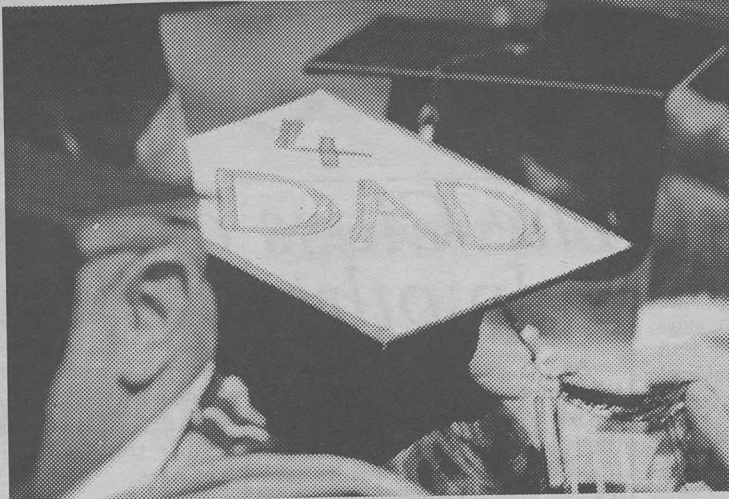
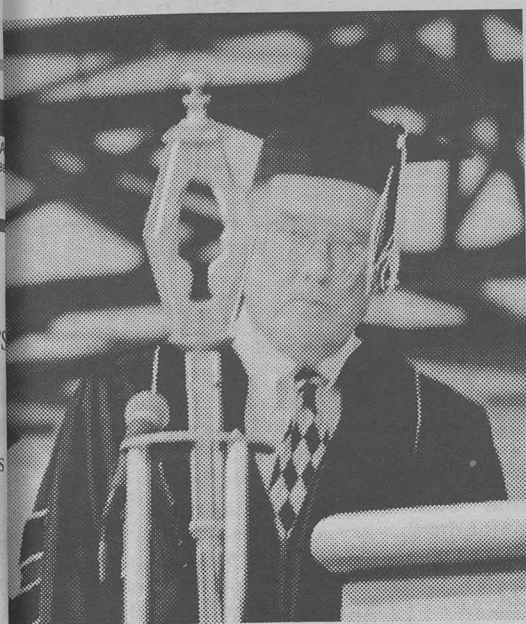
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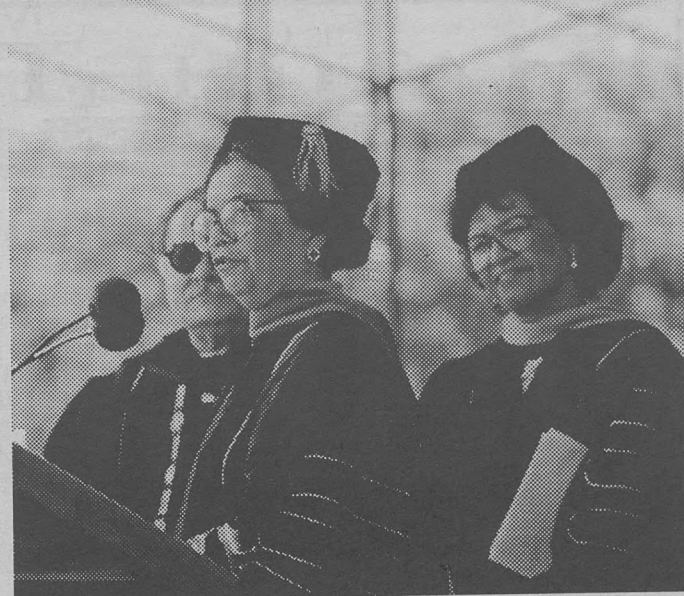
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Graduates heard words of wisdom from a range of speakers, including William Rehnquist (left) and Marian Wright Edelman (right). Some graduates dedicated the ceremony to loved ones.



Graduates beat heat in shortened ceremony

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"God, forgive our rich nation, where small babies die of cold quite gally ... where small children suffer from hunger quite legally," she said.

Lichtenstein offered the briefest words to the graduates. "If brevity is the soul of wit, this talk will be hilarious," he said to cheers and laughter from the crowd. "I would take all of the wonderful advice of the speakers who preceded me, and I am sure you will do very well."

National Urban League resident Hugh Price, who was scheduled to receive a degree last year but was unable to attend, urged the graduates to remember those who helped them to achieve their goals.

"Your success is a function of your determination, your brilliance and your perseverance," Price said. "I urge you to remember that it is also a function of grandparents, great aunts and uncles who went before you, and who were determined that you would succeed. It is a function of parents and neighbors, of teachers and deacons and youth workers and coaches."

Rehnquist told the graduates that their education was in no way over. "Do not stop now," he said. "Your university course work has given you an understanding of fields of knowledge, but college courses are not the only way.

"There are libraries. There are museums. There are galleries. There are theaters. And you do not have to pay tuition for them," Rehnquist added. "You will find that the more you know about things, the more interested in them you are. And you will find that the more things you are interested in, the more enjoyable your life will be."

The graduates also heard from one of their own — student speaker Jennifer Deitch, who graduated from the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences with a theater major.

"College is a time to define yourself in a new role," Deitch said. "Each person that I meet gives me a new perspective on life."

Deitch encouraged her fellow graduates to embrace diversity. "Continue to find the truth in yourself and the differences in others," she said.

GW appreciates sunny weather on The Ellipse

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Sanchez said the ceremony on The Ellipse was worth the hassle of shifting the school's exam schedule. "(It was) very nice ... my family came ... the speakers were good, not very long."

The law students gave up Monday vacation days and pre-exam reading days, and the medical students sacrificed a week of vacation time to graduate a week earlier than usual on The Ellipse.

Members of last year's graduating class attended this graduation as well. Trachtenberg extended an invitation to the Class of 1995 because its members were not able to participate in ceremonies on The Ellipse last year due to lightning, thunder and torrential rains. About 250 alumni accepted invitations, as did 10 former Student Association presidents who also attended the ceremonies.

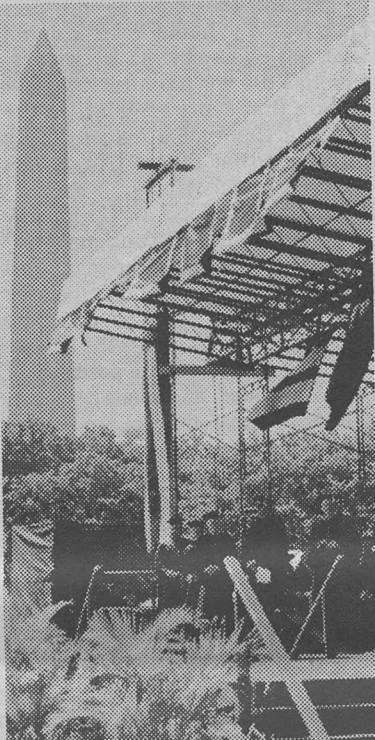
There were some complaints about the ceremony, however. It

"was very impersonal. It was hard to find anyone" when the festivities ended, said Scott Fisher, who earned his bachelor's degree in small business management.

Roger Yu, a double-degree recipient with a master's degree from the Elliott School of International Affairs and a bachelor's degree from the School of Business and Public Management, was upset that the University included two religious speakers.

He thought the remarks by Rev. Lauren E. Smith, chair of the GW Board of Chaplains, and Rabbi Gerald Serotta, were inappropriate. "Some people who aren't Christian or are Muslim and atheists" would not appreciate them, Yu said.

Muna Hossain, who graduated with a masters in international politics from the ESIA, said the event was overall a "wonderful experience, well organized — but I expected President Clinton to be here."



Commencement returned to The Ellipse in the shadow of the Washington Monument.

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Nice recovery

Sunday's Commencement ceremony was all the GW community could have hoped for, especially considering the fiasco of last year's canceled ceremony. The careful back-up planning proved unnecessary – and although the hot and humid weather prompted a number of medical emergencies, it was definitely an improvement over the lightning storm that forced everyone off The Ellipse last May.

However, the format of the ceremony could still stand some improvement. Specifically, the experiment of having multiple speakers is one that has proven to be less than effective.

The quality of this year's honorary degree recipients was undeniably good. Several of the recipients, most notably geneticist Francis Collins and children's rights activist Marian Wright Edelman, offered inspirational remarks. But several of the other speeches were surprisingly brief. GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg spoke a grand total of eight words (six, by his count) in his "charge" to the graduates.

Admittedly, the intense heat may have been a factor in the brevity of some of the remarks. But the entire ceremony lasted less than one hour. Clearly the graduates and their families could have lasted 15 more minutes so the speakers could each offer five minutes of wisdom, instead of 30 seconds.

One thing the University definitely should not mess with, however, is the location of Commencement. From the time students come to GW, we dream about graduating in the shadow of The White House and the Washington Monument. Having witnessed the ceremony in all its splendor, one can see that it really does live up to the hype. GW officials have discussed moving the whole thing indoors to avoid any possible weather problems, but they should forget that idea. The Ellipse is the best thing about Commencement – even if we do have to risk the wrath of Mother Nature.

Remember when ...

Remember when you lived in Thurston Hall in a triple? Those rooms are now quads. Your boyfriend or girlfriend from home had to stay with your neighbors, because co-ed overnight visitors weren't allowed. There weren't any security cameras in the hallways, so everyone was outside for fire alarms at 4 a.m. every day of finals week.

Remember ordering GW's Marriott version of Pizza Hut and paying with points? You can get the real thing delivered to campus now, but they don't take meal cards.

George's was a place to go for greasy fast food, not a place to go to class. Colonial Commons was a place to buy salad by the ounce for lunch, not a place to hold a meeting.

Remember when the residence hall across from the Metro was called Milton Hall? The Dakota was an off-campus building, and Thurston was the only residence hall with those little card readers at the front desk.

Remember when Yinka Dare was the big man on campus? Remember the "MarvinDome," when everyone gathered in the Grand Marketplace (it wasn't J Street then) to watch GW lose a heartbreaker of a "Sweet 16" NCAA game to Michigan?

Remember when Mike Musante had to resign as Student Association president? Remember the lesson he – and all of us – learned as a result of his resignation?

Remember when school was canceled for a whole week because of snow, and students stole cafeteria trays from the Marvin Center and went sledding down the hill at the Washington Monument?

Remember when a ride on the Metro cost only \$1? Remember when the building across the street from Mr. Henry's was just an enormous hole in the ground?

Remember Mr. Henry's?

Things have changed at GW since the Class of 1996 arrived almost four years ago, and they will undoubtedly continue to change. It's fortunate for the graduates – and for all of us – that our memories of our time here will always remain exactly the same.

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OPINION

The Class of 1996's work must help others follow in its path

As a graduating senior, I thought it would be appropriate for me to address a few words to the Class of 1996 regarding an important issue that has in some way or another affected all of us: access to higher education.

When we get entangled in the daily hustle and bustle of Washington, D.C., and college life in general, it is easy to lose perspective. We should keep in mind that not everyone in our generation has the opportunities we do. I believe that every graduate in the Class of 1996 has a responsibility to ensure that others like us can follow in our footsteps.

This generation will someday run our political institutions. We'll make the laws, issue the mandates and establish government policies that will affect millions of young people just like us across the nation. When we take on these positions of power and such enormous responsibilities, let us not forget our college experiences.

Without some financial help along the way, much of it from the government, there's no way that I would be here today – and I'm sure that's the case with many of my fellow graduating seniors. Wealth and educational

opportunity should have nothing to do with each other. I ask every GW graduate not to pull up the ladder that all of us climbed to get here.

Rigorous educational standards should still be maintained.

Cary Schatz

However, the gates should also not be so narrow that only a few privileged elites can get the type of education that we have been fortunate enough to receive. Colleges and universities should be accessible so that those who have the talent, the qualifications and the determination to succeed can attend. An example of such a successful policy was the G.I. Bill. After World War II, we decided that we were going to make it easier for returning veterans to get a college education. This was not in any way a free handout. The men and women who served in the U.S. military and who won the war, regardless of their financial circumstances, were rewarded with an education. There's no reason we couldn't do the same thing today. There may

not be a world war to fight, but the need for an educated workforce is just as great, if not greater than it was then.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "It is highly interesting to our country and it is the duty of its functionaries to provide that every citizen in it should receive an education proportional to the condition and pursuits of his life."

In our classrooms here, we have been instilled with the idea of class mobility and the classic American dream: Whether someone is born in South Central Los Angeles or Montgomery County, Md., everyone should have the same opportunities to succeed.

The important question for this generation, tomorrow's leaders, is this: Are we going to uphold these sacred principles seriously or will we allow them to degenerate into meaningless platitudes? We challenge the Class of 1996 to resist the temptations of undisciplined self-interest. We should make those promises a reality, and the first step in doing that is to take higher education within the realm of the middle class.

—Cary Schatz, a member of the Class of 1996, graduated with a B.A. in political science

PC subjectivity goes over the cliff

Finishing your last undergraduate classes should be a nice feeling. However, during the last week of school, my History 198 class, a proseminar largely devoted to historiography, became the site of total bigoted regression. It is well known that PC American universities are the world's last great bastion of Marxism. Perhaps less known is the seemingly ironic tendency for left-wing political correctness to generate sympathy for Nazism whenever useful.

In the final class, discussion focused on objectivity.

I argued that while we all see things through the lens of individual perception, and absolute objectivity may elude us, this does not mean there is no such thing as objectivity. We may be unable to grasp absolute truth. However, this does not mean no reasonable distinction can be made in the real world between things clearly true and those totally fictitious.

I suggested to the class there is such a thing as "going over the cliff" with subjectivity. The previous week, I had given as an example someone walking in front of a speeding bus confident that since everything is subjective, if he believes that bus can't harm him, it won't. During the last class, the professor said, "I don't think there is any cliff to go over." I said, "Going over the cliff with subjectivity" can be seen when blinded by narrow ideology, and feeling it the right and just thing to do for Nazis to kill millions of Jews."

"What's wrong with that?" yelled one girl, the same who had been the most avid defender of feminism in the previous week's class.

"What?" I said.

"Yeah, what's wrong with that?" added the professor.

"There's nothing wrong with thinking Jews inferior, or that women should be denied the right to vote, or blacks should be killed, simply because your subjective beliefs make it right?"

Unanimously, the class said: "No, there is nothing wrong with that!"

I argued that racism is morally evil. "In your opinion!" people shouted.

How could this happen? How could PC liberals who proclaim aversion to racism and genocide, actually say? It's not surprising. Subjectivity and relativism form a cornerstone of contemporary feminist ideology. For example, they help justify teaching academic subjects from a "feminist perspective" rather than an objective one. If you mess with subjectivity, you mess with Holocaust denial, revisionism, Afrocentrism, Arianism, and feminism, alike.

Because a central tenet of political correctness is the ends justify the means, the crux of this situation goes like this: "If subjectivity and relativism could help desensitize the Germans to the concrete reality of the Holocaust, yet also significantly advance the cause of feminism world-wide, then those dirty Jews what they deserved." Other than myself, the entire class, including the Jewish students, went along.

But what of the class's approval of the other examples of hatred cited, such as denying women suffrage and killing blacks? By this time, they had lost any sense of perspective, and keen to agree with anything said by the trendy "feminist defender" and the politically correct professor, the group became swallowed up in absurd hypocrisy.

The classroom demonstrated the very bigotry of subjectivity's relation to the Nazis, this doesn't change the fact that the whole class of politically correct liberals clamored, "What's wrong with that?" about Nazi genocide. 2+2=5: Such is the depraved power of political correctness and feminism.

—Nick Wilder, a member of the Class of 1996, graduated with a B.A. in history

Nick Wilder

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impressions

Stage neophyte Jewel perplexed by restless crowd

SARA DOMBROFF

HATCHET REPORTER

Generally, the opening band is supposed to excite the crowd so it is psyched up by the time the headliner came on stage. There has never been a band less suited for this endeavor, however, than Duncan Sheik, opener for Jewel at the 9:30 Club May 17.

The slow music combined with depressing lyrics might have made some impact if the sound was at all original. It wasn't.

Luckily, Atlantic recording artist Jewel didn't need an opening act. Leaping onto the stage, she began with an a cappella piece that silenced the crowd instantly. The raw beauty of her voice and her obvious enchantment being on stage led the audience to instantly respond.

The problem, though, was that except for the occasional story or comment between songs, Jewel acted as if the audience wasn't there. She asked several times for audience suggestions but then ignored them. This tour has been touted as her first ever with a live band, and the inexperience showed. Jewel also couldn't read the audience well. When the people were restless from the slow songs, she didn't mix in a faster piece. There was obviously a playlist she refused to deviate from. By the middle of the show, people began to drift upstairs to the bar.

At about the same time, Jewel finally realized that the audience was bored and she lost her cool. She began to play "Adrian," a song dedicated to one of her friends that had died. After a few chords, Jewel put down her guitar and asked, in the tone of a third grade teacher, for the audience to quiet down.

When that proved ineffective, Jewel told people they could either shut up or leave. More than a few people chose the latter.

Unlike Duncan Sheik, Jewel's problem was not her music but her inexperience on stage. Even the most polite audiences are rarely silent. By playing a variety of music, a performer can keep the audience from becoming bored quickly. With a little experience, Jewel hopefully will find a way to use her angelic and endearing voice to capture her audience's attention.



Duncan Sheik



Jewel

Velocity Girl turns in even mix of old and new at 9:30 Club

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY

HATCHET STAFF WRITER

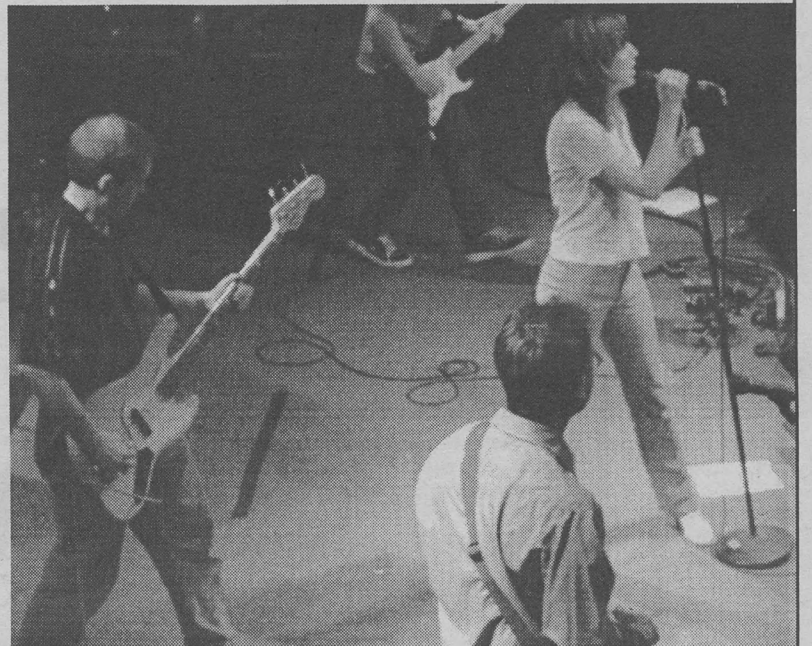
A lot of no-name bands get signed to major labels for millions of dollars, only to put out mediocre albums that wind up at the listening station at Tower Records.

After that, they usually end up in the cut-out bin. As the avid record hunter peruses the disc, they'll say "Who the hell are they?"

This being said, one must admire Washington's Velocity Girl. Rather than getting caught up in the major-label signing extravaganza, the band signed onto indie-grunge label Sub Pop and recorded six albums. It has allowed the band to work at its own pace. In turn, Velocity Girl's members have become local heroes with their indie-pop sound, as demonstrated by its May 11th performance at the 9:30 Club.

It is unfair to lump Velocity Girl into the category of other Sub Pop bands. Sub Pop, the label that gave birth to Seattle grunge bands such as Mudhoney and Nirvana, may have signed Velocity Girl, but the band has more in common with Yo La Tengo, The Breeders or even The Smiths.

Velocity Girl is touring in support of its new album, *Gilded Stars and Zealous Hearts* (Sub Pop). The album is not as good as the band's sophomore effort *Simpatico!*, but it has some rather fine moments. When the band performed at the



Josef Novotny/GW Hatchet

Lead singer Sarah Shannon leads Velocity Girl through a set full of songs from the band's second album, *Simpatico!*

9:30, it emphasized material from *Simpatico!*, but the playlist was also dotted with new material. This approach worked rather well.

Songs such as "Sorry Again," "The All Consumer" and the older "Crazy Town" were the highlights of the evening. Lead singer Sarah Shannon's voice was in fine form on the final song of the night, "Audrey's Eyes." Shannon, who is getting married during the band's two-week break before heading to

the west coast, has a mellifluous voice that lends the band a sound all its own.

Members of the audience included family and friends of the band, two of whom decided to jump up on stage and dance in a frenzied state. That typified the kind of joyous celebration of Velocity Girl's gig.

If you missed the show, fans will have the opportunity to check out the band again when it returns later this summer with the Posies.

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SPORTS

Colonials recruit two guards from the U.S.A.

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

GW men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis announced May 17 that a pair of guards have signed national letters of intent to attend GW.

Jackson Payne, a 6-4 shooting guard from St. Thomas More School in Oakdale, Conn., and Kinte Smith, a 6-3 guard who played the last two years at Cape Henry Collegiate School in Virginia Beach, Va., will play for the Colonials next season.

Last year Payne averaged 16 points, five rebounds and four assists per game. He helped lead the Chancellors to a 27-3 record under head coach Jere Quinn.

"He is a bright player with a terrific awareness of how to play the game," Quinn said. "He is probably the best shooter in the New England prep School Conference. He's a tremendous three-point shooter."

Payne's shooting ability will help fill the shoes of graduating senior Wayne Evans. "He's a big-time shooter ... the three-point shot is not a difficult attempt for him," Quinn said. "He can shoot quickly, he shoots accurately and he wants to take the big shot in the game."

"He's an honors student ... he's just a good kid. The GW population don't even know he's a basketball player. He's the consummate student athlete. What attracted him is the academic tradition and the excellent basketball program. He visited GW and fell in love with the players, the program and the campus."

"He then decided to not pursue other schools," Quinn said, adding that Payne was pursued by "countless schools," including the University of Tennessee, and Vanderbilt and Notre Dame universities. "A lot of people knew about Jackson Payne."

Payne is not the first player the Colonials have recruited from the New England prep power. GW forward J.J. Brade also played at St. Thomas More. Although Brade and Payne did not play together, Quinn said the two players did know each other "by reputation."

GW assistant coach Kevin Clark is also a St. Thomas More alumnus. Payne is a native of College Grove, Tenn., which is 17 miles south of Nashville.

Smith averaged 23.2 points, 12.5 rebounds and 5.2 assists per game as a senior at Cape Henry under head coach Dave Cameron. Smith transferred to Cape Henry after playing two seasons at First Colonial High School in Virginia Beach.

"Kinte is prepared to contribute to GW in many ways," Cameron said. "He has a tremendous sense of self and work ethic. Kinte is a bright and talented student as well as a basketball player."

Lack of playing time causes three GW women to transfer Atcher, Annie, Lincoln are no longer Colonial Women

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

Three members of the GW women's basketball team have been released from their scholarships and will not return to school in the fall.

Guards Amy Atcher, Christin Annie and Desrene Lincoln will pursue their basketball careers at other schools.

GW head coach Joe McKeown said the three players decided to transfer because of lack of playing time. "They made their decisions based on what they thought was best. I didn't want to hold them back," he said.

Atcher, a junior from Franklin, Ky., averaged 1.3 points and .7 rebounds in 22 games for the Colonial Women last season.

Annie, who saw action in 16 games, averaged 1.3 points and 1.2 rebounds in her only season at GW.

She was West Virginia player of the year in her senior campaign at Liberty High School in Clarksburg, W.Va.

Lincoln started nine games at point guard as a freshman last year, filling in for injured Colleen McCrea at the beginning of the season. She finished the season averaging 1.5 points and 1.8 rebounds, playing in 31 games.

McKeown did not hesitate to say the three were an integral part of the Colonial Women, despite a lack of playing time. "I think all three had good experiences here. They contributed to a lot of our successes," he said.

Lincoln would not comment on why she is leaving GW, only saying that "I just want to go somewhere else to play and go to school."

"I just really didn't like the big city. That's really all there is to it," Annie said. As for future plans, Annie said she would go someplace

smaller. "I probably will go down south somewhere and play," she said.

Atcher refused to comment on the situation.

While the Colonial Women have lost three players, in addition to the graduations of Lei Hart and Myriah Lonergan, three high school seniors have signed letters of intent to play at GW next season. Two of them have received national acclaim.

Deanna Brown, Marlo Eggleston and Chasity Myers have committed to play for the team next year.

Brown is 6-2 and played at The Mary Institute of St. Louis, Mo. Eggleston, 5-7, hails from Elkland (Pa.) High School, while the 5-8 Myers is from Keller High School in Fort Worth, Texas. Both Eggleston and Myers were named honorable mention high school all-American by *Street & Smith's* magazine.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Seven GW athletes named to USAir all-academic team

Seven GW athletes, representing four spring sports, were named to the USAir academic all-conference team as announced by the Atlantic 10 Conference.

The golf team was represented by senior Scott Lutz. Three members of the women's crew team - Christine Booth, Kristin Niemi and Tara DeRosa - were also named to

the squad. Tennis team members Roni Biron, Brad Shafran and Lisa Shafran also qualified.

To be selected to the team, a student-athlete must have a GPA of at least 3.0 and be a starter or key reserve on his or her team.

Crawley, Healy named second team all-conference

GW baseball players Dwayne Crawley and Dennis Healy were

named to the A-10 all-conference second team by conference coaches.

Crawley, a senior third baseman, led the Colonials in batting average, slugging percentage, hits, doubles, home runs, RBIs, stolen bases, on-base percentage and walks.

Healy was the leading pitcher for the Colonials this season. He posted a 7-3 record with a 2.25 earned runs average. He is third in the conference and 18th in the nation in ERA.

-Matt Bonesteel

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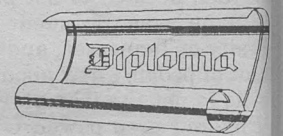
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MEN AND WOMEN FOR MAJOR HAIR SHOW TO BE HELD IN
August 10-14, 1996



MODEL SELECTION TO BE HELD:

May 29 at 7 pm
Marriot Residence Inn
550 Army-Navy Drive, Arlington

Please call 1-800-638-0528 Ext. 2975 for more information
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